# MOST REMARKABLE PEOPLE.

Where There Has Been no Pauper

where There Has Been no Pauper and Only one Criminal in Twenty Years-They Avoid Politics and Make the little Their Guide in all Their Transactions.

Abilene, Kansas, correspondence, of the New York Sun: The twentieth anniversary of the settlement in Kansas of the River Brethren has just been celebrated. This settlement has left its impress upon the development of the central countles of the state, and in many ways done more than any other class of people to make prosperity take the place of haphazard farming and doubtful speculation in agriculture. These Quakers of the west are a strange feature of the frontier civilization, and their odd dress and close advises the ticket window and the state, and the new of the control of the con and their odd dress and close ada marked community. That they aid the rush and worry of western is remarkable. Their movement is tribes, and their money-making abil the wonders of the other the state. About one-third ch's members in the United by far the wealthiest farmers of the

nee It was. Not a hotel profited by however. There had been arranged argo frame building, and in it they d and prayed until the farms that e desired had been bought and the elilles had moved thereon. A prayer ting was held the first might and the dation for Bethel church was laid first week. It was said that the a of the party had \$500,000 in cash in prockets and it was all gener for pockets, and it was all spent for

ator never has them among his audiirs; they are too busy hauling wheat
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es them and the dry goods box forum
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lieve in bearing arms. As a conseence they seldom you and a

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vote. one of the Quakerlike enge that vote."
who had lived in the led to swear in his vote, and everyone that followed did the same. All day went on the ceremony of uplifted hands and every vote in the box was accompanied by an oath. The church has a rule against officeseking and the suppression of it once has not changed the

views of the members on the subject. Very few are engaged in business in the town. The farm is the one thing that occupies their attention, next to the church. From the big white houses they drive out in odd square-topped wagons, drawn by sleek horses. The women's faces are clear and sweet, and the sons and daughters are many around every hearth, for they believe in the direction to "lacrease and mutiply," Brother greets brother with a kiss. The children and young folks are solemn and old, and join in family worship at the same early sge. Two

worship at the same early age. Two or three times a day the family gathers around the hearthstone, and there is a reading of the Bible and prayers, while drills in the catechism and other lessons of the church are frequent.

The humble hen and mask and lowly

lessons of the church are frequent. The humble hen and mesk and lowly row are great friends of the River Brethren, and their poultry and dairy products are the wonder of even their most familiar acquaintances. They never go to town without hig baskets of vegs and butter, and are the foremost promoters of the dairy industry that is making such advances on the plains. They have a creamery company in Dickinson county that pays to the farmers a quarter of a million dollars a year in cash. This creamery took a World's Fair medal; yet it is run by plain farmers, who seldom go to the city. The barns are of the old Pennsylvania style, red and long with sloping roofs, and are filled to the peaks, with hay and grain. Occasionally, of course, a brother is not a good manager; he gets behind and his friends see it. They take action promptly. There is a meeting of the elders, and if he needs money it is given or lent to him. A short time ago one of the bishops invested heavily in boom real estate, and when the boom collapsad was compelled to assign. He found when his estate was settled up that he lacked 35,000 of having enough to pay his creditors in full. He was called before the

pelled to assign. He found when his estate was settled up that he lacked \$5,000 of having enough to pay his creditors in full. He was called before the council. The elders asked:
"Do you think you can pay out?"
"Perhaps some time, I will give all my life to it." was the reply.
It suited them and they told him they would pay off the debt themselves, and they did, putting up \$5,000 out of their own pockets.

Their fire insurance is purely mutual and within the church. They do not

Esther Pleading for Her People Mordecal, by a sign ever significant among the Jews, arrests the queen's at-

ention, and, even through the watch-

country particular age for act is unsurpassed.
Yet even then she used the utmost tact. She drew upon all the fertile resources of her womanly wit. With no lachrymose face, nor disheveled hair, or piercing cries, did she run into the acuses.

The Analysis. Esther: Her character. Human, prime minister, his charac-

The feast of Purim is a strong collat-

It is Incontrovertible! The Editor of the "Christian Million,"

under the heading of General Notes, on August so, 1806, wrote:

"A good article will stand upon its own merits, and we may rely upon it that nothing will continue long which does not, in a more or less degree, harmonize with the state-ments which are published concerning it."

hir, Hall Caine,
Author of "The Deemster," "The Manxman," "The Christian," etc., when speaking on "Criticism," recently, and :
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brated with rockets and crackers and the reading of the Declaration of independence, and it could be shown that the day had been so celebrated annually for that space of time, could the historic verity of the event or the integrity of that instrument called the Declaration of Independence be doubted? The evidence for the truth of the book of Exther is not a whit less conclusive.

Eather undertook her delicate and harardous task only after a season of devotion. She engaged in the pentiential exercise of fasting. She secured

The Rhinoceros the Most Difficult of Nothing and is Always Ready for a New York Commercial Advertiser:

have helped to capture six African rhinoceroses, and I believe that all of

them are yet alive and serving their purposes in circuses and zoos. I have tive almost without trouble. trapped four and five lions and tigers in he caught as readily as fish. It's when the agent's breath away. They make kept it up ever since. In September, when the crops are gathered, they make their pilgrimage.

There is great strife among the rall-agent in secure their patronage. you tackle a rhinoceros that you tac kle business. It's worry and work and danger from the moment you set about their pilgrimage.

There is great strife among the rall-way agents to secure their patronage, and all the traveling passenger agents visit, Abilene to get it, all but one; he knows better. Three or four years ago he loaded a party into a chair car (a Pullman is an undreamed-of luxury), and when they reached Kansas City, in order that the other lines should not secure them, as they had not yet purchased tickets farther east, he locked the passengers in the car. When the long-haired pilgrims found what had happened they were indignant. Two of them crawled through the window and bought tickets for the crowd over another line. The road represented by the agent has been boycotted ever since. As a class the River Bretheen are careful managers, shrewd at a bargain, and stand by each other through thick and thin. The church has eleven bishops, all farmers and serving without remuneration. They preach all the sermons, though any member may talk in meeting if he feels himself so inclined. They hold three council meetings each year, a harvest thanksgiving meeting and—a general international conference, all marked by an extreme conservatism somewhat aggravating to the younger generation. But their it. I am talking about the one-horned, black rhineroceros of Africa. When nature created him she gave him more other animal on earth. She gave him nerves. He has a hide almost bullet mistake. But for two defects in his physical make-up he'd soon externi-

siderable circle.

I captured Barnum's first rinnees, os, and that animal cost him more than any four lions or tigers he ever owned. I was the first animal hunter sent over the barnel had it.

Artes by an American, and I had it. The International Sunday School Lesson Oct. 15, 1809. Esther VIII:3-8; 15-17. tention, and, even through the watchful cordon of a Persian seragilo, conveys to his adopted daughter the fearful news and the urgent request for mediation.

That Esther hesitated enhances the heroism of her ultimate course. Life was dear to her, as it always is to a young and thoroughly healthful nature. She did not covet and court mariyadom. Yet at length, having viewed the case from every standpoint, and weighed the matter thoroughly, she deliberately assumed the mediatorship, exclaiming: "It I perish I perish." The courage, pairiotism and piety in that act is unsurpassed.

Yet even then she used the utmost king's presence; but every inch a queen, with dignified and womanly carriage, with completest tollet and all the witching charm of her peerless beauty, she stood unbidden and fully conscious of her peril. "Her jeweled foot pressed her grave." A score of cimeters flashed in the air, and the tessellated pavement might have taken one more hue, a crimeon one; but again the fickle heart of Xerxes was in the Lord's hand. He struck the logs and rocks at the point of the view of the struck the logs and rocks at the point of the view of the struck the logs and rocks at the point of the view of the struck the logs and rocks at the point of the view of the struck the logs and rocks at the point of the view of the struck the logs and rocks at the point of the view of the struck the logs and rocks at the point of the view of the struck the logs and rocks at the point of the view of

After the second banquet Haman goes o the gallows he has built for Mordecal, and the latter takes the vacant premierand the latter takes the vacable presents ship. The decree of destruction cannot be annulled, but it is made inoperative by a counter decree, and the Jews have light and gladness and Joy and honor.

To celebrate this glorious providential deliverance a new feast is instituted—Purim, gladdest of the whole Hebrew

the pit was ready we caught an active to the property of the party of



### FINANCE AND TRADE.

The Features of the Money and Stock Markets.

cent.
Sterling exchange easier, with actual business in bankers' bills at \$4.85% 64.85% for demand, and at \$4.82% 64.82% for sixty days; posted rates, \$4.83% and \$4.87%; commercial bills, \$4.81%.
Silver certificates, \$560.59c.
Bar silver, \$5%c.
Mexican dollars, \$7c.

Bar silver, 55%c.
Mexican dollars, 47c.
Government bonds irregular.
State bonds inactive.
Railroad bonds irregular.
The temper of speculation was
erminedly bearish to-day, and all

Flower group, as a whole, except Rock Island, was notably weak in sympathy with Brooklyn Transit Offerings of Sugar and Tobacco were greater than could be absorbed, and both stocks showed sharp net declines. The American Malting stocks were acutely depressed, the common losing 2½ and preferred 7. The industrials were more affected than the railroads, the movement in the latter being conthe movement in the latter being con-fined to narrow limits, except for a few stocks. LaClede das rose conspicuous-ly 4 points, and Great Northern pre-ferred over a point. The market seemed rather firm for a time during the morning, but the peralstent weakness of Brooklyn Tennish books through the

Total sales were \$52,900 shares. NEW YORK MINING STOCKS. Desdiwood 78 Quicksilver Gould & Curry El do preferred. Hale & Nor. 11 Sierra Newada. Homestake \$50 Standard Iron Silver El Union Con. Merican El Yellow Jacket. STEEL, TIN AND THEE STOCKS.

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Breadstuffs and Provisions

CHICAGO—The rapid accumulation of stocks, together with a poor export demand, encouraged liquidation in wheat to-day and December closed with a loss of %c. Corn lost an early advance on profit taking and closed practically unchanged. Oats declined %60.

soon started the market on the down grade. About the middle of the session reports of damage by drouth and insects to the new crop in the southwest caused a slight rally, but the market was so weighed down again by a resumption of short selling and much liquidation induced by steadily increasing stocks all over the world. There was a slight up turn near the close on buying by shorts, who put out several long lines of wheat on the early buige and took advantage of the decline to buy in and secure profits, and the market closed with buyers in the majority. December opened a shade lower at 72½ grz/sc, declined to 72%c, rose to 72%c, sold off again to 72%c, and closed with buyers at 73½c. Chicago received 194 cars, 3 of which were graded contract. Minneapolis and Duluth receipis, including two days arrivals at the former, were 1.164 cars, against 1.244 for one day at both places a year ago. Total primary receipts were 1.390.000 bushels, last

bushels, making over 02,000,000 ounsels so far since January 1 of last season's crop, and the visible supply in that country was reported to amount to 5,335,000 bushels, against 560,000 bushels the same time last year. Minneapolis and Duluth stocks of wheat were estimated to have increased 1,700,000 bush-

out the cash vehicles and strong early, influenced by higher cables and an excellent cash demand. Later, however, the market turned weak with wheat. The decline was hastened by liquidation and profit taking. Receipts, 688 cars. Exports from Atlantic ports for the day were 659,000 bushels, and New York reported sixty boat loads disposed of for snort. December opened a shade The day were assessed states, and a very york reported sixty boat loads disposed of for export. December opened a shade higher at 31%631%c, advanced to 51%c, declined to 31%c and closed at 31%c. Onts ruled dull and heavy in sympathy with wheat and corn. Longs sold freely. Receipts were heavy—308 cars. Cash demand fair. December opened unchanged at 23% 23%c, declined to 22%c and closed at 23c. Liquidation weakened provisions early, but the decline was fully recovered near the end on buying by commission houses with English connections. The foreign demand for cutmeats was greater than packers were inclined to fill at the nominal price. January pork and ribs closed, unchanged at \$9.5599.57% and \$5.00 respectively. January lard closed a shade lower at \$5.3096.32%.

spectively, January lard closed a s lower at \$5.30@5.32%. Estimated receipts for Saturday: Wheat, 170 cars; corn, 640 cars; n, 640 cars; oats

Articles.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.		
Wheat No. 2 Oct Dec May	70% 73% 75%		70 72 75	70% 72% 72%		
Corn, No. 2. Oct. Dec	33 31% 32%	32% 21% 32%	3174 3146 3246	31% 31% 32%		
Dec May	25% 25%	25% 24%	22% 24%	23		
Mess Pork. Dec Jan	\$ 8 10 9 55		\$ 8 021/2 9 50	\$ 8 12% 9 57%		
Dec	5 30% 5 45	5 32% 5 45	5 30 5 40	5 32% 5 45		
Short Ribs. Dec Jan	4 85	4 57%	4 85	4 87% 5 00		

BALTIMORE—Flour duil: receip 10.667 barrels; exports 7.225 barre Wheat dull and easy; spot and mon 11% 672c; December 74% 675c; steam No. 1 red 68664%; receipts 21.083 bus

CHICAGO—The offerings of cattle today were mostly made up of common
natives and feeders from western
ranges which sold slowly at easy prices.
The demand for good grades of dressed
beef has fallen of and all grades except
strictly choice beeves are fully 10915c
lower than this time last week. Today's prices for good to fancy grades
were \$5 5006 E: common to medium
steers \$4 5005 75; cows and bulls \$2 006
4 55; stockers and feeders \$2 5004 75;
Texans \$3 504 15; calves \$4 0067 00.
There was a good demand for hogs and
prices ruled steady at the recent decline; fair to prime lots sold at \$4 37400
4 60; heavy packers \$3 5004 25; mixed cline: fair to prime lots sold at \$4 27 4 60; heavy packers \$3 9564 25; ml lots \$4 25624 60; plgs \$4 00624 50. The was a good sisuachtering demand sheep at unchanged prices. Poor choice sheep sold at \$1 5064 00; prearlings bringing the top price. Feers brought \$3 2563 70 and west rangers \$2 5063 25; common to chilambs \$3 2565 10. Receipts—Cat \$3.000 head; hogs, \$25,000 head; shr 7,000 head;

EAST LIBERTY-Cattle steady; ex EAST LIBERTY—Cattle steady; ex-tra, \$5.805.60; prime. \$5.505.75; com-mon, \$2.0063.80. Hogs dull and lower prime mediums, \$4.70; best York-ers, \$4.8054.70; light York-rs, \$4.906.4 4.65; heavy hogs, \$4.6054.70 Shee-steady; choice wethers, \$4.2004.30; com-mon, \$1.5052.50; choice lambs, \$5.106. 5 25; common to good, 33 00@5 00. Cilver, \$6 50@7 25.

CINCINNATI-Hogs dull and lowe a \$3 8004 60.

NEW YORK—The market for all descriptions of staple cottons continued very strong in tone and incidental advices to-day show continued upward ern sheetings and drills advanced &c per yard. Prints selling well in staple lines and advances likely. Fancy prints are moving fairly. Staple ginghams and fancy dress ginghams strong and in some quarters &c higher. Print cloths strong and no change in regu-lars. Wide odds held for 4 3-18c for 33-inch 64 square, and 4 3-16c for 33-inch 68x72 square. Burlaps quiet, but prices firm. Dundee and Calcutta markets ad-vancing.

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